

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application for concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) permit NEV40018 from the following applicant:

Hidden Valley Ranch
801 Searles Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

The Applicant proposes to continue to lease a 5,400 animal dairy that includes approximately 30 acres of corrals, three milking barns, a storage pond and approximately 155 acres of flood irrigated pasture in the Moapa Valley, Clark County, Nevada, to Rockview Farms, Inc. The facility is located at the confluence of the Muddy River and the California Wash adjacent to and east of the Nevada Power Reid Gardner Station. All ponds are required to contain the normal operating volume of fluid and all runoff from the 25-year, 24-hour storm event. The liquid portion of the manure and Muddy River water is used for irrigation. Irrigation with reuse water will be managed in accordance with a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan approved by the Division. All solid manure is transferred off-site for reuse. The off-site reuse does not currently require a State issued permit. CAFO permits are required for all dairy operations with 700 or more mature dairy cattle, whether milkers or dry cows.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue the permit to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions.

Persons wishing to comment upon or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control regarding the proposed Administrative determinations should submit their comments or request, in writing, to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

Comments or objections must be received within the thirty (30) day period, that begins on the date of this publication. Comments or requests postmarked or received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M., September 6, 2002 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date. If a hearing is not held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Bruce Holmgren, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9423, or at bholmgre@ndep.state.nv.us. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684.